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Dear Dr. Bissell:

I have received your letter of August 6th requesting partial support for the Structure/Function Conference to be held next Spring. From your enclosed description, the meeting will be both exciting and important; exactly the type of conference we take pride in supporting. Unfortunately, the Board of Directors of the Gordon Conferences recently voted not to accept any contributions from the Council for Tobacco Research "or any other organizations which are primarily and directly involved in the sale and production of tobacco."

While CTR of course is not involved in tobacco sales or production, it is no secret that the nearly $20 million we spend annually in support of basic biomedical research is ultimately derived from companies that sell tobacco. Over the many years that CTR has helped to support numerous Gordon Conferences, we have never failed to be impressed with the outstanding quality of these meetings and we have been especially gratified that our own grantees are often organizers or keynote speakers there. I am confident your sessions will be equally successful. From reading the agenda, I would love to have attended myself!

If the Board of Directors relaxes their policy in the future, we would be delighted to consider another request. Also do keep us in mind if you are organizing a similar conference under other auspices.

Sincerely,

Harmon McAllister

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